

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**1. (Previously Presented)** A recombinant BCG vaccine being transformed with an expression vector that has a polynucleotide encoding an antigenic human immunodeficiency virus protein, wherein the polynucleotide is artificially modified so that the third position of each codon is substituted with G or C without changing the amino acid encoded by the codon.

**2. (Currently Amended)** The recombinant BCG vaccine of Claim 1, wherein the first and second positions of each codon are further substituted with G or C without changing the amino acid encoded by the codon.

**3. (Cancelled)**